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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached is a memorandum setting forth proposed US comments on certain proposals concerning the Middle East Defense Organization put forward by the French Government in a memorandum handed the Department of State August 15 (Copy attached). A copy of this memorandum was transmitted informally to the Department of Defense at the time of its receipt.

The French memorandum is addressed principally to the question of the higher military direction of MEDO and emphasizes the importance the French attach to making the NATO Standing Group responsible for the guidance and direction of MEDO. In view of the interest of the Department of Defense in this matter, I would appreciate your advising me as to whether you consider the proposed memorandum to the French an appropriate expression of US views.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Henry A. Byroade
Assistant Secretary

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State's proposed Reply to French Aide Memoire re MEDO

Enclosures:
1 - Memo - Proposed US Comments
2. French memorandum handed Department August 15.

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The Honorable
Robert A. Lovett,
Secretary of Defense.

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